

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A centrifugal drum for a separator having a vertical axis of rotation, including a drum bottom part and a drum cover fastened to the drum bottom part by a locking ring. Also included is a centering ring arranged between the drum bottom part and the drum cover such that while the centering ring is being pretensioned, it sealingly and centeringly braces the drum bottom part and the drum cover relative to one another.